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## **NEWS RELEASE**



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## 25 Year Old Male Arrested for Rape of A Child

On October 8, 2013 a Beaverton Police Officer spoke with a concerned parent about her 13 year old daughter possible having sex with an adult. The parent had found some concerning text messages on her daughter's cell phone and felt she needed to call the police.

The case was turned over to detectives that day. The detectives determined that the victim had met the suspect on a social network site named Badoo.com. The victim told the Detectives that she and the adult male suspect did have sex. The suspect was identified as Jeff Michael Metschan 25 years old of Beaverton.

Metschan was arrested on October 9, 2013 and admitted to knowing that the victim was under the age of 18 and to having sex with her. Metschan was arrested and lodged at the Washington County jail on the following charges, Rape 2, Sodomy 2, Sex Abuse 1 and Sexual Penetration 1.

The Beaverton Police Departments wants to remind parents of the importance of monitoring your child's time on the internet. With so many different social networking sites, the chances of our children being victimized are greatly increased.

Here are some tips on keeping your child safe while on line

- Have the computer in a family area where you and others can see the monitor.
- Check the computers history often to see what sites your child is going to.
- Have the password for all social network and email accounts your child uses.
- Have your child friend you so you can see what is going on.
- If your child has a smart phone limit the apps they can install and check the phone often.
- Set parental controls on the computer and or router.
- Talk to your child about the dangers of meeting people on the internet.

This incident was discovered because the victim's mother felt something was wrong and began checking on line and on her daughter's cell phone.

It is important for us to be reminded of the dangers that are associated with the internet when it comes to our children.

